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TO: Dennis Braddock, Secretary
Department of Social and Health Services

FROM: Marty Brown, Director

SUBJECT: Reported Incident Determination
Incident No. 03-51

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) has concluded its initial assessment of the April 8, 2003 incident involving the death of a nursing home resident following a fall when his bed's brakes were not engaged during a transfer. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) reported this incident on May 7, 2003.

The OFM Loss Prevention Review Team program evaluated the materials submitted by DSHS. Pursuant to the directive of RCW 43.41.370(1), it is my determination as Director that no further review of this incident through the Loss Prevention Review Team program is merited at this time.

My determination is based on the fact that the DSHS Aging and Disability Services Administration cited the facility for the maintenance and quality of care issues involved and additionally required the facility to make changes to prevent a recurrence. DSHS's policies and procedures to protect resident safety were followed by the agency, and the nursing facility was properly required to correct its practices and operate in compliance. A review of this program and potentially related subjects is unnecessary at this time.

This decision will be posted on OFM's website. If you have any questions about the criteria or its application to this incident, please contact either Meg Jones at 360-902-9813 or Gary Robinson at 360-902-0528.

cc: Meg L. Jones, Loss Prevention Review Team Manager